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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re:
Appl No.:
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For:

Josif Zeylikovich, et al.

09/531,262

March 17, 2000

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING
AN ABNORMALITY WITHIN A HOST MEDIUM
UTILIZING FREQUENCY-SWEPT MODULATION DIFFUSION TOMOGRAPHY

Confirmation No.: 4992
Group Art Unit: 2621
Examiner: H. Akhavannik

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, in which the Examiner has required restriction between Group I, namely Claims 1-21, 27-32 and 40-47, and Group II, namely Claims 33-39. In addition, Claims 22-26 were identified as linking claims. Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 1-21, 27-32 and 40-47), as well as linking Claims 22-26 and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims. With respect to the elected group of claims, Applicant further elects the claims of species 1, namely, Claims 1-21 and 27-32.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of this case, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby

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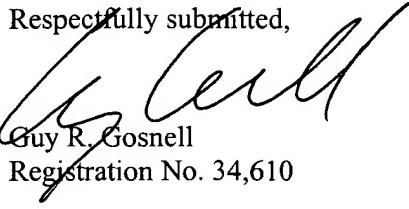
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petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,

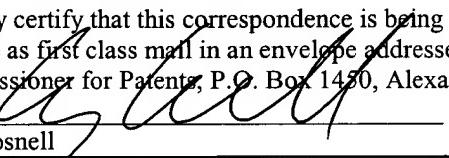

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